

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please disregard the reference to amending paragraph on page 3, between lines 4-8 of the specification noted in the prior Amendment filed on March 15, 2007, since it appears that the noted paragraph is not part of the present specification.

Further, please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 10, between lines 20-26 of the specification with the following:

A first secondary winding 6a is connected between a first lamp connection node 68 and the output node 70 of the forward-commutating stage 3. Two filter capacitors 66 and 67 that are connected between respectively the supply voltage and node 70, and between node 70 and ground, were added to filter out any high frequency components in the lamp current. A second secondary ~~winding 6a~~ winding 6b is connected between a second lamp connection node 69 and node 71. This node is situated between two buffer

capacitors 8 and 9 that are connected in series between the supply voltage V_{SUP} and the ground.